

# Colombia

Discover its true essence

**B2/B2+**

## **Lesson plan and notes:**

This is a full lesson including the speaking, reading, vocabulary and listening activities for students of B2 and above. The order of activities is meant to smoothly introduce students to new vocabulary and practice both speaking and reading. However, when you go through the pages, T may decide to use individual elements that suit their needs.

## **Intro - brainstorming the topic and personal experiences connected with traveling to exotic places**

Slide 3 - T starts by eliciting the knowledge on different traveling experiences discovering what ss already know about the subject.

Slide 4 - T shows different locations in South America and asks ss for their opinions. "Which location would you most like to visit and why?" and "Which dish would you like to try?" - T shows four different dishes.

## **What do you know?**

Slide 5 - categorizing, the slide includes concepts connected with Columbia and the ones which are irrelevant. The aim of the activity is to predict which of them are correct and discuss the options.

## **Vocabulary practice**

Slide 6 - contains two vocabulary activities which teach ss vocabulary recognition (quizlet - multiple choice exercise) and reinforce it (learningapps - match).

## **Reading practice**

Slide 7 - contains the article and True and False questions. Tell ss to quickly scan the article for the correct answers and check together.

## **More reading practice**

Slide 8 - contains open questions which require ss to read the article more closely and give more detailed answers.

**Speaking - Did you know?**

Slide 9 - Discussing fun facts about Columbia. This exercise aims to inform the students about interesting facts connected with Columbia as well as encourage them to express their own opinions. It should motivate the ss to say whether these ideas are new to them, or curious or surprising.

**More vocabulary and text practice - gapped text**


Slide 10 - gap filling exercise - the text about exploring


**Video**


Slide 11 - there is a video included in the slide along with the text to fill in. Ss can do this exercise in the presentation or in a worksheet. The slide is not word sensitive so ss can write what they think is correct and later verify with the teacher. [video link](#)

**More vocabulary practice - context sentences - [quizlet link](#) - [words in context](#)**

Slide 12 - it includes a quizlet set with context sentences for ss to practice how many words they managed to remember after the lesson.

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The instructions to exercises and activities on the slides are self-explanatory or included in the titles of the exercises.

# Columbia

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## 1. Introduction. Let's talk.

1. Have you ever traveled to a country that surprised you with its culture or beauty?
2. What do you think makes a destination worth visiting?
3. How important is it for travelers to learn about local customs and etiquette before visiting a new place?
4. What types of activities do you enjoy when exploring a new city or country?
5. What excites you the most about the idea of exploring Latin America.
6. Can you share an experience where trying local food enhanced your travel experience?
7. Have you heard about the beautiful landscapes in Latin America, like Patagonia or the Amazon? Would you want to see them in person?
8. Have you ever thought about experiencing the vibrant local festivals, like Mexico's Day of the Dead or Brazil's Carnival?
9. Do you know any of authentic Latin American food, like Argentinian steak, Peruvian ceviche, or Colombian arepas? What are they?
10. What would be your top reason for visiting Latin America—history, nature, adventure, or culture?

What location would you like to visit and why?

Which dish would you like to try and why?

## 2. Categorizing

Ideas connected with Colombia: 1. Gabriel García Márquez, 3. Coffee Triangle, 4. Arepas, 6. Shakira, 7. Cumbia, 9. Medellín, 10. Emeralds, 12. Caño Cristales, 13. Bandeja Paisa, 14. Tejo, 18. Samba, 19. Juan Valdez

Ideas not connected with Colombia: 2. Machu Picchu, 8. Tango, 11. Sushi, 15. Taj Mahal, 16. Cartagena, 20. Mount Kilimanjaro

## True/false statements:

1. False - The text states that Cartagena is known for its colonial architecture and Caribbean vibes, not Bogotá.
2. True - The text mentions that the Amazon rainforest is captivating for nature lovers.
3. False - The text states that Medellin is famous for its annual Flower Festival, not a Coffee Festival.
4. True - The text advises travelers to pack a raincoat for the Amazon rainforest area.
5. False - The text suggests that intercity buses offer a scenic way to travel and recommends companies for comfort and reliability.
6. True - The text mentions that Colombian cuisine includes dishes like arepas and empanadas.
7. True - The text suggests that learning a few Spanish phrases can enhance interactions with locals.
8. True - The text mentions the Coffee Triangle for its views and coffee farms.
9. False - The text advises packing both light clothes and a jacket due to diverse climate zones.
10. True - The text mentions both domestic flights and intercity buses as transportation options.
11. False - The text advises caution with street food, ensuring it is fresh and thoroughly cooked.

## Open questions

1. The vibrant city of Bogotá offers museums, galleries, and a lively culinary scene with traditional and modern flavors.
2. Cartagena features charming colonial architecture and Caribbean vibes, providing a historical and sunny atmosphere different from Bogotá.
3. Nature lovers can explore lush Amazon rainforests and sprawling national parks like Tayrona National Park, offering tropical jungles leading to pristine beaches.
4. Medellin has transformed with innovative transportation systems and vibrant art scenes to explore, moving past its troubled past.
5. The Flower Festival in Medellin is highlighted as a thrilling spectacle of color and culture in the text.
6. Travelers should pack light clothes for hot coastal areas, bring a jacket for cooler climates, and have a raincoat handy for the Amazon rainforest area.
7. To stay connected and safe, travelers can purchase a local SIM card, use apps like WhatsApp, stay updated on local advice, avoid displaying wealth, and use registered taxis or ride apps like Uber.

## Facts:

1. Colombia has more species of birds than any other country in the world.
2. The country's coffee is renowned, winning global awards for its quality.
3. Cartagena's historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site with beautiful architecture.
4. Colombia has the largest concentration of butterflies, with over 3,500 species.
5. The famous Amazon rainforest covers over one-third of Colombia's territory.
6. Colombia produces 70% of the world's emeralds, making it a gem hotspot.
7. Bogotá, the capital, sits at an altitude of 8,661 feet above sea level.
8. Medellin has a unique cable car system connecting hilly neighborhoods to the city.
9. The country boasts 59 national parks, showcasing diverse ecosystems and wildlife.
10. Colombia celebrates around 18 public holidays each year, promoting culture and traditions.

## Explore the world - text practice

Are you looking for a travel experience that **tantalizes** your senses and leaves you with unforgettable memories? Look no further than the **thrilling** journey through the scenic landscapes and cultural delights of the Pacific Northwest.

**Wandering** through this region, you'll encounter a range of natural beauty and **vibrant** communities, making it a must-visit destination.

The Pacific Northwest is famed for its **lush** forests and **pristine** coastlines. Wandering through the evergreen paths of Olympic National Park is truly **captivating**. Here, you'll find yourself enveloped by towering trees and serenaded by birdsong. It's a **unique** escape that's both rejuvenating and grounding.

From Portland to Seattle, the cities of the Pacific Northwest bring their own charm, each offering a vibrant blend of cultures and culinary delights. In Portland, you can **purchase** treasures from local artists in the **sprawling** arts district or sample the eclectic cafe offerings that define the city's gastronomical scene. Whether you're drawn to Seattle's iconic Space Needle or the stunning views of Puget Sound, there's something here to highlight and enrich your trip.

For those who are more **cautious** about getting lost in nature but still yearning for adventure, the Columbia River Gorge provides an accessible yet breathtaking area to explore. With its **diversity** of hikes and waterfalls, this area is particularly thrilling for photography enthusiasts, as each turn can reveal new, stunning vistas worth capturing. As you explore, the Pacific Northwest's unique blend of scenic beauty and cultural richness will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression. Whether you're wandering through its pristine wilderness or absorbing the cultural **offerings** of its cities, the region always remains open, displaying its wonders for those eager to experience them.

In conclusion, the Pacific Northwest is a place where both nature and culture come alive in an exhilarating way, offering endless opportunities to create memories that are as vibrant as the region itself. Embrace this captivating corner of the world and allow it to tantalize you back time and again with its **stunning** beauty and diversity of experiences.

### Video - Top 10 places to visit in Colombia

1. landscapes,
2. cultures,
3. cuisines
4. South America
5. whitewashed
6. cobblestone
7. isolated beaches / coral reefs / exotic nature
8. rafting / rock climbing / paragliding
9. 16th and 18th-century
10. tallest palm trees in the world
11. historic buildings / museums

12. Spanish, French, Argentine, and Peruvian
13. colorful / tiny /joyful
14. 650-foot tall rock
15. stairs
16. beautiful beaches / rainforest
17. dangerous
18. beach parties / historical sites
19. wall
- 20 the 16th century
21. pirates

**Context sentences:**

1. They finally chose Paris as their travel **destination** for the summer vacation.
2. The view from the top of the mountain is simply **stunning** and breathtaking.
3. Each piece of art in the gallery has a **unique** style that catches my eye.
4. The store has a wide **range** of shoes available for all occasions and sizes.
5. The city's nightlife is **vibrant** and filled with exciting activities every weekend.
6. This dessert **tantalizes** your taste buds with its rich flavors and sweet aroma.
7. The festival celebrates the **diversity** of cultures found in our community every year.
8. I enjoyed **wandering** through the park, discovering new flowers and hidden paths.
9. The garden was **lush**, filled with green plants and colorful flowers everywhere.
10. The **sprawling** city stretches for miles, offering something interesting at every corner.
11. The story was so **captivating** that I could not stop reading until it ended.
12. He loves to visit the **pristine** beaches where the sand is soft and white.
13. The roller coaster ride at the amusement park was both **thrilling** and enjoyable.
14. The restaurant's menu features many delicious **offerings** that everyone can enjoy.
15. The library is easily **accessible**, making it convenient for students to study there.
16. We took a **scenic** drive along the coast and enjoyed the beautiful ocean views.
17. After much consideration, I decided to **purchase** the new phone I wanted.
18. The gallery was **displaying** many beautiful paintings by local artists this month.
19. The teacher used a colorful pen to **highlight** the important points in the text.
20. It's important to be **cautious** when crossing the street, especially during rush hour.
21. The new software update is designed to **enhance** the performance of your computer.

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